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Homelessness affects young and old

Nahum Lopez
Photo Editor

With some students heading home for
holidays homeless students are just looking
warm place.

"I was living on the streets because of be-
nevolent towards my family putting
through stress while I was using drugs,"
Christopher Bryant 18, TJC freshman
The term homeless youth means indi-
viduals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate
residence according to the United
States Supreme Court McKinney Vento Act.
"I was staying in public places on benches
at Children's Park and on the benches at
Cathedral on Broadway and Front," said
Bryant.

It also includes children and youth who
are experiencing the housing of others due to loss
of housing, or economic hardships. For some,



Photo by Nahum Lopez
Jennifer Gaught panhandles on the corner
of Glenwood and South Vine avenues.

rebellious acts toward their parents lead them
to sleep on the streets.

"My basic needs weren't being met when
I was on the streets, I had terrible sleep hab-
its, terrible eating habits, I didn't have reliable
transportation or money," said Bryant

Some homeless move from the streets to
living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp-
ing grounds due to lack of alternative adequate
accommodations. Others are lucky enough
to find transitional shelters, like the Salvation
Army. At the Salvation Army in Tyler, there is
an emergency program students on the streets
can take advantage of, the only requirements
are that the student is 18 and that they explain
to the Salvation Army that they need shelter.

"I'm from west Texas I came to the Salva-
tion Army to get off dope and off the streets.
This is my ninth rehab, I have been through 12
step programs and the only thing that seems to
work for me is God," said Cody Dooley, 31,

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Cleary Act makes crime stats tracking a requirement

By Madison Payne
Editor in Chief

There are many factors parents and stu-
dents look at while they are trying to find the
right college; cost of tuition, degree plans,
housing and the amount of crime on and
around that campus.

Tyler Junior College, and almost all
other community colleges and universities
in the United States, are required to abide by
the Jeanne Clery Act, formally known as the
Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act.

The Clery Act is a federal law that re-
quires U.S. colleges and universities to pro-
vide information about crimes committed on
and around campus.

This law is tied to participation in federal
student financial aid programs and is enforced
by the U.S. Department of Education, there-
fore it applies to most institutions of higher
education.

The Campus Security Act formally
changed its name in 1990 to the Jeanne Clery
Act in memory of a 19-year-old freshman
who was raped and murdered in her sleep in
her dorm room on April 5, 1986. It was dis-
covered by her parents that the students had
not been told about the 38 violent crimes that
had occurred on their daughter's campus in
the three years prior to her murder.

The Clery Act requires institutions to
provide statistics for crimes that have occurred
on and around campus such as; murder, non-
negligent and negligent manslaughter, forc-
ible and non-forcible sex offenses, robbery,
aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle
theft, arson, liquor law violations, drug vi-
olations, illegal weapons possession and hate
crimes.

This report must be distributed by Oct.
1 of each year to current students and em-
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vidual, or posting on an Internet Web site (if
all recipients are directly notified of how to
access the report and given an opportunity
to request a paper copy), and prospective stu-
dents and employees can be given a copy on
request.

Although many TJC students and fac-
ulty may not be aware of these statistics, TJC
officials say the college is in compliance with
the requirements of the Clery Act.

"We are in compliance with the Clery Act.
It (the report) is in the student handbook and
on the Campus Safety Web site, both of which
are available online," Fred Peters, director of
marketing and public information, said.

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National Champions



Men cap perfect season

By Erica Smith
Sports Editor

After going scoreless in regulation and going through two over-
times, the Tyler Junior College men's soccer team capped off their per-
fect season capturing their first ever National Championship.

"It feels amazing to have had the perfect season," freshman
defensive player Joe Setchell said.

And although the Apaches had an undefeated season, that didn't
make any of the games any easier than the rest.

"Having the perfect season makes it seem as though we didn't
have any major competition, which wasn't the case," Setchell said.

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Lady Apaches claim title

By Darius Nicholson
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College made history when the men's and women's
soccer team both took home national championships, but the women's
team managed to accomplish it in its second year of existence.

The Lady Apaches were able to overcome the obstacle of bonding
as basically a new team with only seven sophomores returning and 21
brand new freshmen and were able to go the whole season without one
loss.

"We knew that we would have to do some rebuilding with only a
few ladies returning from the year before, but after the first tournament

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Student Affairs plans changes to SSFAC board for next fall

By Kamren Thompson
Online Editor

The Student Affairs office is in the midst
of changing the process and guidelines for the
Student Services Fee Advisory Committee.
Every student at Tyler Junior College pays
a credit hour each semester to fund student
activities. Various organizations make propos-
itions on how they feel the money should be dis-
tributed each semester to The Student Services
Fee Advisory Committee (SSFAC), who then
makes recommendations to the vice president
of Student Affairs.

The current committee's voting members
are made up of nine students.

After many clubs and organizations were
disappointed with allocations made this semes-
ter by SSFAC, TJC President Michael Metke
and Richard Minter, interim vice president of
Student Affairs, have begun making changes to
the committee's processes and procedures.

The changes will go into effect in fall 2010,
not the spring like previously planned.

"We could have tried to implement them
in the spring... but rather than rushing to try to
make the changes, plus people are pretty well
in the groove for the year, we postponed it until

the fall," Minter said.

The most significant adjustment approved
by the president will be replacing two student
members with two faculty members on the
committee.

"They could stay on there for several
years to give continuity to the process as we go
through it, and I think it will," Minter said. "It
won't give the faculty the opportunity to veto
anything or to push for their special projects,
because the guidelines assess that if there is a
project of special interest to them, they will
have to excuse themselves from the process."

Minter and Metke said their goal was to be

more aligned with the way others colleges and
universities organize similar committees. The
SSFAC at Texas State University at San Mar-
cos is made up of four faculty members and six
students.

"The state law requires that a 'majority'
of the members of the SSFAC be students. Our
committee conforms to that law," said Dr. Rich-
ard Cheatham, member of TSU at San Marcos
SSFAC and Dean of the College of Fine Arts
and Communication.

Having administration on the committee

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extras

Follow the money

A year after the hit
movie 'Twilight' is
released, the sequel,
"New Moon", is to-
ping box offices to rival
award winning films of
similar genres.
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Debit pays

Consumers are
changing the method
of payment for this
holiday season. Debit
cards have overtaken
credit cards and other
non cash methods as
the payment of choice
among consumers.
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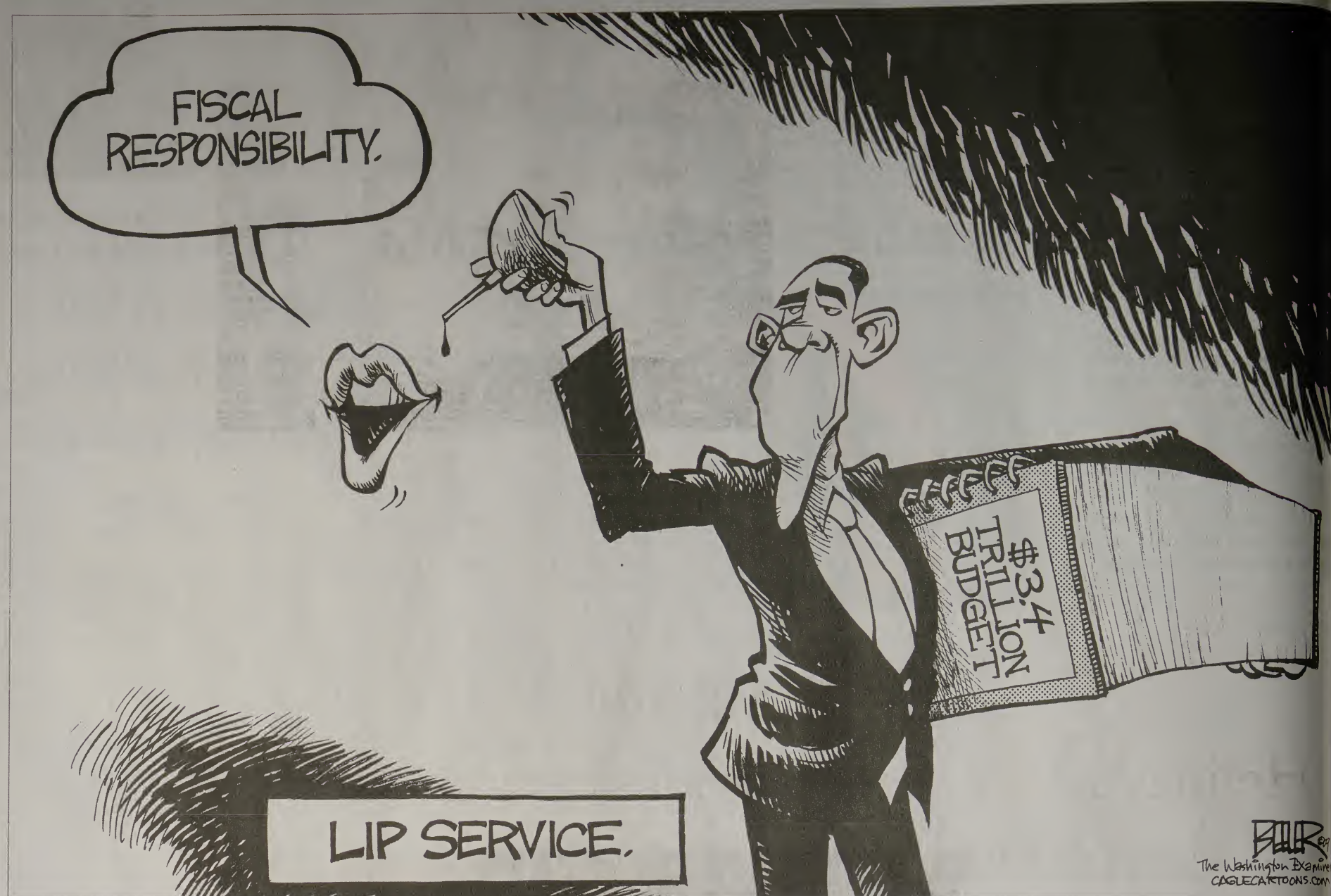
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VIEWpoint

The Apache Pow Wow invites students, employees, parents and alumni to submit letters to the editor.

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column

Thankful for this opportunity at TJC

By Madison Payne
Editor in Chief

Breakups, we have all been through them and we can all pretty much agree that it is not a pleasant experience. Nobody likes breakups, whether you are the dumper or the dumped. Everyone hurts in one way or another. Breakups are even worse when it is with someone that you love.

Well, I am sorry to say that this is my breakup with you all, the readers of this newspaper. This is not because I don't love you, but because we are both going in two different directions in our lives. It is time for me to move on and step down from my position as Editor in Chief and pass the torch to the next editor. To tell you the truth, my heart is breaking because I love this

newspaper very much and it has been such a big part of my life for the past year and a half.

I hope that I have done my job and provided you all with controversial columns and have said things that you think should have been said. I hope that I have provided some sort of entertainment to you while you read my columns and I hope that I have done my job by speaking the truth and providing facts to allow you to see why I write about the things that I have written.

I will feel like I did my job if I have made just one person pick up our paper off the racks because they wanted to see what I have to say. If you feel that I could have done something better or that I should have talked about a certain issue, then please write a letter to the editor so that the next person to take my position will

be able to tackle the issues that I did not. I genuinely care about this newspaper and I strive for it to be the best that it can be in order to provide the students and faculty of this institution with the information that they want and need.

This newspaper has been my outlet to pursue my dreams in journalism and without readers we would not have a newspaper. So thank you for allowing me to have this opportunity.

In the time that I have been on staff at this newspaper, I have seen some great improvements just within this short amount of time, and I expect to see even greater things to come.

I will consider this breakup as just a "break" because I hope to someday continue my career in journalism and provide ground-breaking stories for this



community.

Hopefully someday soon we will meet again and rekindle that old flame that we once had. Until then, I hope that I have left some of you with something to remember me by, and I will forever hold a part of you, this newspaper and TJC with me.

Editorial

Family, turkey, dressing and Black Friday

By Griffin Blackburn
Managing Editor

Thanksgiving provides a holiday for families to get together and spend quality time by celebrating how thankful they are for each other, their health and their ability to provide for their families. Everyone enjoys a feast fit for kings, usually followed by relaxing in good company with a football game in the background, the Macy's parade, or a gentle nap. The next day though, releases panic, rage, destruction and an enormous loss of financial assets, Black Friday. The most infamous of unofficial holidays in the shopping season, only rivaled by back-to-school and tax-free weekend.

Black Friday is recognized as the beginning of the winter holiday

shopping season with midnight store openings and door buster deals. There are many stories of the origin of this horrifying day. The first claim comes from Philadelphia, the traffic enforcers encounter the day after Thanksgiving as the busiest traffic day of the year because of the holiday shopping rush, which they dubbed, "Black Friday". Another story states that on September 24, 1869, the stock market experienced a great catastrophe, and another theory goes back to early accounting practices where accountants would use red ink to signify a loss and black ink to signify a profit. Shop owners would claim a loss throughout the entire year, but "Black Friday" was the opening day of their most lucrative season, when they experience their biggest profits.

Even with the majority of shopping enthusiasts not knowing why they began getting up before the sun to purchase gifts at highly reduced prices, they still engage in this tradition. For people that sensibly choose not to participate in this barbaric event, shoppers camp-out in front of stores, form swarms in front of the locked and gated stores at pre-dawn hours, and when the gates open, all of those people that, any other day would play vital roles in the community, turn into savage, unreasonable beasts, clawing at the must-have item of the season.

The most perverse of Black Fridays happened in 2008 when a 34-year-old Wal-Mart employee was trampled by a mob of holiday shoppers at a 5 a.m. opening. Along with the employee, a pregnant woman and the responding para-

medics were injured. It's disturbing to know that under a Christmas tree somewhere, a child will unwrap a present given to them by the person who delivered the last fatal blow to end that employee's life.

As receivers of holiday gifts during this season, people should ask themselves if they really want a gift from someone that camped out in front of a store for three days, burst through the store's doors at opening, and ripped that elusive item from an old woman's hands, complained to any employee in ear shot, almost ran over families in the parking lot as they left, and drove home like a Nascar driver jockeying for position.

Lets focus on the feelings brought out by the holidays, not the material aspect.

VIEWpoint

The Apache Pow Wow welcomes readers voice their opinions on articles at tjcnwspaper.com or by sending a letter to the editor tjcnwspaper@tjc.edu. Full articles and comments can be found at tjcnwspaper.com.

Posted November 4, 2009

Response to Civil rights for everyone - except

It's unbelievable that officials at a public institution still do not know, or choose to ignore, what constitutes public record under the Texas Public Information Act, especially since the law requires public officials obtain training on this issue and the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Repeated efforts to draw attention to this problem in various East Texas governmental entities apparently are not taken seriously.

Instead the people who attempt to educate the public and public officials often are labeled troublemakers. I would like an open and honest discussion among those involved to attempt to resolve these issues.

Posted November 13, 2009

Response to Law passes prohibiting teen...

Directly related to tanning beds? Really? Who believes this stuff? Are you really? It wasn't directly related to overexposure to burning one's self in the sun? Smart tanning is about moderation. Overexposure is the culprit. Don't blame the tanning bed. UVB light (UVB light) is necessary for life. Drowning. Water causes drowning, but not banning teens from water.

Posted October 19, 2009

Response to Illegal downloading could harm...

I agree that downloading hurts record labels, especially start up companies, but record labels make next to nothing on royalties and make most of their money on concert tickets. I download then go see my favorite band when they come through near me. I would rather support an amazing band than the RIAA.

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TJC student faces challenges due to cerebral palsy

By Ambra Phillips
Staff Writer

She wasn't yet 2 years old when Felisa Young was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, the neurological disorder that makes it difficult for her to walk. Doctors said Young wouldn't walk until age 5 or 6, but she began walking at 3, according to Sheila Williams, Young's mother.

Now at age 21, Young is the president of Tyler Junior College's Voices of Worship gospel choir and is also a member of the Black Student Association.

She passes out flyers to promote activities on campus and is hands-on with anything that she is a part of. But sometimes she stops to take breaks on campus because her legs are tired, or she uses her wheelchair if the

distance is too far.

Some people have the misconception when they see her that she is mentally challenged.

"My disability stops me from walking, not thinking," Young said.

Young, who has a twin sister, was born prematurely. Initially, her mother didn't know anything was wrong.

"I realized there was a problem when she wasn't keeping up with her twin sister," Williams said. "I didn't have a clue what it was. I thought it was something I could fix."

Cerebral palsy is a neurological disorder that is caused by brain damage. It affects approximately 10,000 babies a year, according to National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

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Photo by Ambra Phillips

CEREBRAL PALSY Felisa Young has been living with cerebral palsy for about 19 years. Cerebral palsy is a neurological disorder that is caused by brain damage. Approximately 10,000 babies are affected each year.

News In Brief

CAMPUS

Registration for spring courses

A mini-registration for the spring 2010 semester will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday Dec. 15 thru Thursday Dec. 17 in the second floor of Rogers Student Center.

This will be the last chance for students to meet with an adviser for spring registration before Jan 4. Advisers from all areas will be available to assist any student with their course selection, degree plan information or advising questions.

Individuals will also be available to help students with online registration so that they may be able to navigate the system for future semesters.

Due to the volume of enrollment, students will need to anticipate a waiting period to speak to an adviser during this time.

TJC professor receives award

M'Liss Hindman, a Tyler Junior College professor, has received the American Forensic Association's Distinguished Service Award for 2009.

The purpose behind the award is to recognize long-term service to the American Forensics Community, through committee work, tournament work, leadership, and presentations at national conventions and hosting conferences.

The American Forensic Association is the largest forensic organization in the country. It includes all events such as debate and individual competitions.

"I am Humbled and honored to have received the award," Hindman said.

LOCAL

Tyler creates new volunteer program

The City of Tyler is launching a new program to create opportunities for citizens to volunteer for their municipal government.

It is modeled after the Police Department's volunteer program, and it was first proposed earlier in the year by one of the city's leadership development teams through the Tyler Apprenticeship Program.

Police Volunteer Services Coordinator Gary Lynch has been chosen to lead the new program.

"I am proud of the work done by our volunteers and by Gary here at the Police Department," Chief Gary Swindle said. "We've had volunteers here in the department for more than 13 years and they have been a tremendous asset. I am very pleased to see the program expanding to reach other departments in the city."

The Volunteer Tyler program is not intended to replace or displace paid staff but instead it will allow departments to draw on the skills and abilities of members of the community.

Volunteer opportunities in the library and police department are currently available. For more information, contact Gary Lynch at (903) 531-1071, or at glynch@tylertexas.com.

'Tis the season Holiday In The Park provides entertainment

Daisy Valle
News Editor

The unfamiliar crunch of snow as kids run through Bergfeld Park. It's Christmas time yet again in Tyler and not too far outside of the park.

"The [most fun] things about this event is to see the children's face as they play in the snow and ride down the snow hill. Many of whom never played in snow before light up as they throw a snowball," said Debbie Isham, special events and recreation manager.

This is the fourth year the City of Tyler will be having "Holiday In The Park & Bazaar".

"We are expecting over 10,000 in attendance for the two-day event. However, I feel it will be closer to 15,000," said Isham. "This is a family event that everyone can enjoy from the littlest ones to the oldest."

Holiday In The Park will be a two-day event starting on Friday, Dec. 11 and ending Saturday, Dec. 12. There will be a "Tubing Hill" and a snow play area beginning Friday. Ballet Tyler will be performing the same day in the amphitheater at 7 p.m.

Over 50 vendors will be available Saturday to purchase holiday gifts. Local dance groups, musicians and choirs will be performing in the amphitheater from 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"The Christmas season is my absolute favorite time of the year. I think it'd be really nice to be able to celebrate with people in our local community," said Cherish Draper, education major. "Although I've never been to Holiday In The Park, reading the flyer I became immediately interested."

KLTV-7 will be honoring the Salvation Army with special-guests and gifts for the Angel Tree. Mark Scirto, KLTV's chief meteorologist, will be assisting Santa for the third year in a row.

"[This experience has been] completely overwhelming. We do this in conjunction with the Salvation Army Angel Tree," said Scirto. "We try to encourage people to give to the Salvation Army Angel Tree and they can do so by bringing gifts to the Bergfeld Park on the 12th or by going to the mall and fulfilling angels that way."

Scirto also mentioned that "Holiday In The Park" will have a big surprise for this year. Santa will be arriving by air in a special sleigh.



Courtesy Photos

HO HO HO Right, Meteorologist Mark Scirto dresses up as Santa Claus every year during Holiday In The Park. Above, local children enjoy sledding, another one of the activities offered at Holiday In The Park.

Shortly after the early visit from Santa, families can relax and watch "Holiday Inn" starring Fred and Bing in the amphitheater at 6 p.m.

Holiday In The Park is free, however, concessions will be available for a fee.

"I'm planning on bringing my best friend. We will walk around bundled up, watch the children frolic in the snow play area, stay for the Christmas film as well as celebrate the Christmas season together," said Draper.

For more information on how to volunteer for Holiday In The Park or how to sponsor contact Debbie Isham (903) 531-1214.



Tough times in store this holiday for the unemployed

By Hannah Hill
Staff Writer

Christmas is less than a month away and the unemployed are gradually becoming anxious about how they will afford the expensive holidays. It seems that the holiday season is one of the most important times to be employed.

But with the increase in the unemployment rate, more families are struggling to get through the day without a steady income.

"Sometimes I feel like I am on a vacation, and then I realize this vacation has lasted over a year," said Jason, a former employee of Jason's Deli. "I play video games and I never need to keep track of time."

According to a study done by

the New York Times, on average, unemployed individuals get at least an hour more of sleep than those who are employed. While this may seem like a perk, it soon becomes quite a struggle when it's time to scavenge savings just to pay the bills.

Cox once worked for a restaurant in Tyler, Jason's Deli. After getting engaged and beginning to plan for his wedding, he realized he needed a steady, full-time job. However, being only a few college hours short of a degree he couldn't find a good paying job that would hire him. With the beginning of a new semester, he found he couldn't afford to finish the hours he needed toward a degree. A year later, he is still without a job and living off his savings.

Many unemployed workers find

time to do yard work, chores around the house, and extra time to spend with family. Unfortunately, those types of "jobs" don't receive any income.

"The only positive thing about not having a steady job is the extra amount of time I get to spend with my son," said Cox.

Cox, like many others, is fortunate enough to find some type of job to do on the side while still looking for a full-time job. Odd jobs are readily available to individuals who search and advertise their services well.

"I get lucky and find yards to mow and recently began working on my own landscaping service for extra cash," said Cox.

Karen Johnson, once a customer service manager for Boral Bricks, Inc, was laid off in October 2008. Once she

saw her company posting significant layoffs, she realized her termination was a possibility. Immediately she began to live off of her savings and unemployment checks.

Even with a Bachelor's Degree in Business, it took her over a year to find a job. According to Johnson, she doesn't think her holidays this year will be as bountiful as the past few years.

Individuals from all walks of life are finding themselves without jobs this holiday season. Graduates with either a bachelor's or master's degree find themselves in the same boat as a high school graduate or someone with an associate's degree.

Also, at this time of year money is extra tight due to Christmas.

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Being in the military taught me to always be prepared and to **never quit**. I've learned that you always have to live life to the fullest. As a social work major **my education is the best way to realize my full potential**.

~ Scott, Class of 2010
Air Force Senior Airman 1st Class



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CEREBRAL

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Young has had multiple surgeries, including a hip replacement. But nothing has stopped Young, known to family and friends as "Fe," from getting the most out of her life. She has always been active in school and has been the best of her circumstance, according to her mother.

In high school, she was a member of the student council and was also a cheerleader. Young is an inspiration to other VOW members.

"She is a motivator for others to do what we are obligated to do," said Jawoine Hawkins, VOW member.

Her fellow members describe her as strong and determined.

"Not just VOW, whatever Fe puts her mind to is going to happen," Hawkins said. She strives for perfection and wants things to be right."

Damien Williams, who is the sponsor for VOW, described Young as "tenacious."

"My first impression of Fe is ambitious," said Williams.

Young's friends said, after spending time with her, the disability disappears. She just gets around and enjoys her surroundings. She never meets a stranger, and her smile lights up any room.

"Felisa has a bright future. I'm looking forward to her calling me in 5-10 years and saying, 'I'm doing quite well,'" said Williams. For Young, her life is normal.

"This is what I know," she said. "I don't think about it."

Young grew up in Ben Wheeler and graduated from Van High School in 2006.

She is a criminal justice major and plans to complete her bachelor's degree at a four-year university. She became a part of VOW in fall 2007 and had to take a year off due to hip replacement surgery. She just returned this past semester.

"I don't want to be deemed the handicap girl on campus. I'm Fe," she said. "These are the cards I was dealt, and I think I'm playing them well."

TJC offering more Distance Education courses for spring

By Coryn Crain
Staff Writer

Spring 2010 has a lot in store for TJC's Distance Education program. With many new courses and courses that were not offered in the fall, distance learning is going to be an effective way to obtain an education.

"Some of the new courses we're offering this spring are, Child Development 1321, Human Resources Management 2301 and drafting courses," said VCT Coordinator Gay Howard.

Also, many degree plans only offer courses in the spring, including computer science, office technology, child development and criminal justice.

To register for spring 2010 courses, log onto Apache Access under distance education or talk to an adviser if needed.

"Students who are freshmen or on academic suspension or probation, are required to see an adviser," said Academic Adviser Alexis Davis.

After completing the process of enrolling, students are also required to take an assessment test.

"For first year students looking to take an on-line course in the spring, they have to complete an assigned assessment test called READI, to ensure us if you're prepared to take an online course," said Distance Education Director Ken Craver.

Normally there are fewer students in the spring then there are in the fall, but because of the record high enrollment of 11,000 students this fall, it is estimated that that number of students will increase this spring as well, according to school officials.

Registration for spring classes runs through Jan. 3. Late registration starts on Jan. 11 and 12, and online classes starts Jan. 13.

For more information on the spring 2010 distance education courses, contact Director Ken Craver at (903) 510-2591 or, pick up a Spring 2010 Registration Guide in the library.

UNEMPLOYED

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It is important to not panic when it comes to buying gifts. Almost everyone is tight on money and will continue to pinch pennies during the winter months, according to the Associated Press retail writer Anne D'Innocenzio.

Unfortunately, it does not seem that the

situation will be any better after the new year arrives in January. At the end of the hectic abundance of family and food, it is time to continue the job hunt right where it left off.

The United States Department of Labor's October 2009 statistics for unemployment rose

to 10.2 percent. This jobless rate is the highest the U.S. has seen in 26 years. Without consumer's receiving an income to spend, the money cannot circulate back to government agencies or any other business. It is slowly becoming apparent that when the middle class suffers, the

whole economy suffers.

"But history tells us that job growth always lags behind economic growth, which is why we have to continue to pursue measures that will create new jobs," said President Barack Obama.



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Heroes & Friends

By George Foreman

I was born January 10, 1949 in Marshall, Texas, one of J.D. and Nancy Foreman's seven children. My mother wanted so much for her children to have the opportunities she did not. As the daughter of a sharecropper, she had to work in the fields to help feed the family and was constantly pulled out of school to work.

There were no jobs and my parents relocated to Houston soon after I was born. When I was still very young, my father left my mother and she raised us as a single parent. She pushed hard for us to get a good education and to stay out of trouble. Education was very important to her. She had loved school and nowadays, I'm sure she would have been in a gifted and talented class. Her spelling and math skills were unbelievable and she is one of the wisest people I have ever known. Because of her, I have tried to help young people get all the education they can. I've told my own children that they need to go to college first. Even though my son "Monk" is now boxing, he had to get his college degree first, and he got it from Rice University.

I never wanted to be a boxer myself. I wanted to play football, but I didn't stay in school long enough to play. I lived in a tough neighborhood and I often got in trouble. My mother had always told us how proud she was that none of her children ever got in trouble with the police, so I never told her what I was doing. One day, while running from the cops, I thought about how hurt she would be if she knew. Then I saw my football heroes, Jim Brown and Johnny Unitas, on TV promoting the Job Corps. They said that you could get another chance at high school, learn a vocation and even play sports like they did, so I joined.

It was the start of many firsts for me. At 16, I had never read a book, never had three meals in one day, and never had so many good people that cared about me and my future. Instantly, I put on weight and size too. I grew up troubled and had been a bully. One night, we were all listening to a boxing match on the radio and one of my Job Corps classmates said, "George, you think you're so tough, why don't you be a boxer? I took up the challenge but at age 17, it was a late start and I was very awkward. They laughed at me because I was swinging wildly, fell through the ropes and tried to wrestle, but my coach, Coach Broadus, encouraged me. I didn't much strategy-wise but I had

a strong punch and I kept on winning and going on to the next tournament. In one year, I made it to the Olympic team and in my 25th amateur fight, I won a gold medal at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics.

Those were crazy, turbulent times in our society, especially for an uneducated, unsophisticated 18-year-old kid. There were widespread protests over the Vietnam War. Lyndon Johnson chose not to run for re-election. Martin Luther King was assassinated and there were riots in over 100 cities. Two months later, Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated. Then at the summer Olympics, U.S. medalists Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their clenched fists in a power salute during the national anthem, and the media wondered what other athletes were going to do on the platform.



At the Olympics, there were athletes from all over the world who looked like me and spoke other languages and the only thing that differentiated us were the uniforms we wore. After I won my gold medal, I reached in my robe where I had put a small American flag. I bowed to the judges and then waved my American flag so the world would know where I was from. I didn't mean it as a protest to what the others had done. I just wanted to let people know how grateful I was for what America had given me.

As a product of the taxpayers and someone who got an education, three meals a day and doors opened to unbelievable opportunities, I was grateful to more people than I could ever thank. Olympic athletes were true amateurs and even my uniform came from volunteers who donated to us. I just wanted to say thank you to everyone, but the media played it around the world and I was thrown into the middle of it. That poem about two roads diverging in the woods says it all. I took the road less travelled by, and it made all the difference for me. I'm not proud of everything I did as a young man, but I'm still proud of what I did at age 18 in Mexico City.

After winning the gold medal at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, I turned professional.

In 1971, Joe Frazier beat Muhammad Ali to win the heavyweight championship. In the meantime, I was working my way up and soon became the number #1 challenger. I got a chance at the title in 1973. Frazier was heavily favored to beat me, but I knocked him out in two rounds. Then I defended my title against Puerto Rican heavyweight champion Jose Roman. I beat him in 50 seconds, the shortest ever heavyweight championship match. Then in 1974, I defended my title against Ken Norton who had just beaten Muhammad Ali and I beat him in just two rounds.

The 1974 "Rumble in the Jungle" with Muhammad Ali in Africa was a very different story for me. Ali arrived first and worked to win over the population. He had them chanting, "Ali bomaye" — "Ali, kill him." During practice, I got a cut over my eye and we had to postpone the fight for a month. Zaire's dictator Mobutu Sese Seko wouldn't let us leave the country because his government had put up the money for the fight. Ali was a great boxer and an incredible showman who seemed to enjoy all the hype. I hated Zaire and just wanted to get the fight over with. Ali used the extra month to taunt me and to keep me from being focused. Rumors were spread that my food would be poisoned and that a curse was being placed on me to paralyze me.

When we finally got into the ring, I didn't let Ali dance around. I drove him into the ropes. Ali changed tactics to use the stretching of the ropes to lean back and away from my swings and then maul me in clinches. This "rope-a-dope" strategy made me swing wildly and tire. In the eighth round, I was exhausted and when Ali connected, I went down. I got up but they stopped the fight. It was my first defeat and Ali remains the only person to ever beat me by a knockout. It was a devastating loss for me.

I fought my way back beating the top contenders until I lost a decision to Jimmy Young in 1977. In the locker room, I had a near death experience and pleaded with God to help me. I heard him ask me to change my life and ways, and I became a born-again Christian and an ordained minister. I devoted myself to my family, my church and the youth cen-

ter I opened to help troubled youth. I poured my life savings into my youth center. Having grown up in a home lacking food and a father figure, I wanted to do all I could to help young people and to give back for what I had been given. When the money ran out in 1987, I decided to go back to boxing, even though I had been out of the ring for 10 years and had never wanted to go back. It was a big challenge. I had to train twice as hard as when I was young and fit. Even so, with the training and the inner peace I had found in the Lord, I didn't tire in the late rounds like I had as a young, intense fighter.



After winning the Gold Medal at the 1968 Olympics, I wanted the world to know I was proud to be an American.

By 1994, I had earned a title shot so I wore the same red trunks that I wore in my loss to Ali 20 years earlier, but this time I was a huge underdog. In the 10th round, I knocked out Michael Moorer and went back to my corner to kneel in prayer. At age 45, I was the oldest fighter to ever win the world heavyweight crown and with 20 years in between my title matches, no one had ever come back after that much time between title matches.

Even though I toyed with the idea of showing that age 55 is not a death sentence, I had my last fight at age 48. My wife, family, religion and church are all much more important to me now.

I want others to have the educational opportunities my family did not have. I tell my 10 children and my congregation that real power comes through education. I had a powerful punch but physical strength diminishes over time. I've seen world champions that quickly lost all their money and ended up broke, but with an education, you never lose what you have learned. New opportunities always open up and you can always start over again if you have a good education. Public colleges like TJC can make all the difference in creating a brighter future for you and your family.

Although you may only know him as a businessman and entrepreneur, George Edward Foreman holds many world boxing records that are unlikely to be broken. After the Olympics, Foreman turned professional and within two years, had achieved 37 wins (almost all by knockout) with no losses and was the #1 undisputed challenger. HBO Boxing's first-ever broadcast was of his match in Kingston, Jamaica against heavily favored "Smokin' Joe" Frazier. After knocking Frazier down five times, Foreman ended the fight in the second round with a punch that lifted Frazier off his feet. Foreman's fearsome punching ability is ranked by many as the best in the history of boxing. TJC Hero and Friend George Foreman now divides his time between his home, his Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Houston and his ranch in Marshall, Texas. Mr. Foreman will serve as the keynote speaker for TJC's Fall 2009 graduation ceremonies on Friday, November 11. Read more about George and his many interests at www.biggeorge.com.

Coach inducted into NJCAA Hall of Fame

SOCCER

By Erica Smith
Sports Editor

Along with winning a National Championship with Tyler Junior College, head men's soccer coach Steve Clements can now add NJCAA Hall of Fame Inductee to his list of achievements.

Clements has been coaching for 16 years at different schools but has spent the past seven at TJC. Over the years, he has compiled a record of 252-58-11, including the 2009 perfect season and National Championship win with the Apaches.

The induction ceremony took place in New Jersey where the National Tournament was also happening. Players were able to see their coach receive the prestigious award.

"It was good to see Coach get his award," freshman player Joe Setchell said. "He has been great to all of us since we have been here and I have no doubt he deserves to be in the Hall of Fame."

As said by the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association), Clements has been "a significant contributor to the sport, and promoter of junior college soccer, he has been President of the NJCAA Coaches Association since 2003 and has served on the NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) All-America committee and NJCAA Rankings Committee for the past 14 years."

After having such a successful season, Clements will have to be looking for new faces and new people to recruit to join his now National Championship team.



Photo by Darius Nicholson

CHAMPIONS The NJCAA National Championship trophy. The men's soccer team along with their Hall of Fame coach went to the National Tournament for the first time since 1988.

Among his long list of achievements, Clements has: four National Tournament appearances; a National Championship in 2000; National Coach of the Year in 2000; 10 Regional and four District Championships; five-time Region 23 Coach of the Year; four-time District Coach of the Year; has coached 20 All-Americans, 32 All-District players, and 17 players who have gone on to play professional soccer.



Photo by Courtney Hodgkins

MEN'S GOLF TEAM From L-R: Coach Sandy Terry, Chris George, Stefan Labuschagne, Nate Anderson, James Glenn, Sebastian Starud

NJCAA ranks TJC golf team at No.1

GOLF

By Courtney Hodgkins
Student Life Editor

The Tyler Junior College men's golf team is ranked No.1 in the nation by the NJCAA and Golfstat, which came out earlier in the semester.

As the rankings have come out through Golfstats and the NJCAA, the Tyler Junior College men's golf team is ranked no.1.

As the guys prepare to hold this title, sophomore, James Glenn is "satisfied because we have played well this semester," said Glenn. "Although we have played well, we need to stay focused, take tournament by tournament, day by day, and shot by shot and not get ahead of ourselves."

The team has competed in five tournaments during this fall semester placing first place in the opening tournament hosted by The University of Texas at Tyler. Starting the season off strong, the men continued to play well placing second in Paris Junior College tournament, placing first at The University of Mary Hardin Baylor tournament, placing sixth at The Sam Houston State University tournament (which was a D1 tournament), and finishing the season up with a home tournament picking up another first place win.

The men have continued to practice and play even though season has come to an end for the fall semester. The guys hope to stay in first place throughout Nationals.

The men need to "improve in consistency," said Sandy Terry, head golf coach.

During play this semester, the top five roster has changed often due to the hard work, dedication and competitiveness of each player.

"Having such strong competitiveness on the team, raises everyone's level of play," said Nate Anderson, freshman.

Sophomores James Glenn, Stefan Labuschagne and Jared Johnson have been a part of the top five as well as freshmen Chris George, Nate Anderson and Sebastian Starud.

The men will pick up tournament play in the spring by hosting a tournament March 1-2 at Eagles Bluff golf course in Bullard.

TJC men's golf team will have challenging tournaments to compete in such as the Texas State Championship and district. This is the first year to compete in a district tournament. Previously, each region hosted separate tournaments called the regional tournament. This year, Region Five and fourteen will host this tournament together. Taking the top six teams of the DI teams will advance to the national tournament. The national tournament will be May 18-21 in Goodyear, Ariz. at Palm Valley Golf Course.

"Rankings don't really mean anything. Rankings don't win tournaments," said Terry.

WOMEN

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I could see the team bonding as one. The team this year is better-rounded than last years," said Head Coach Corey Rose.

The Lady Apaches were not only fortunate enough to qualify for the national tournament, but automatically gained home field advantage in games as Tyler Junior College hosted the tournament.

In the first game of the National tournament, the Lady Apaches faced off against 5th seeded Schoolcraft College from Michigan. The two teams battled back and forth trading goals until they stalemated at 3-3 causing the game to go into overtime. The game remained even until a free kick from captain Cara Newton found the head of fellow sophomore Scarlett Tarno to end the game 4-3 in double overtime.

"At the beginning of the game from the look things it was not going to be close but they were able to battle back into the game, and thankfully we were able to pull it out in the end," Rose said.

The next game would be a real task as TJC faced the number one seeded and defending champions Lewis and Clark Community College. The game remained tied going into the half and into the first part of the second until a routine save slipped through the legs of Lewis and Clark's goalie causing a corner kick. The very next play, the ball played in by Newton again found the head of an Apache player, this time it was freshman Karly Baker, giving TJC a 1-0 lead and Newton her 18th assist. A late goal by Newton was icing on the cake as the



Photo by Darius Nicholson

TEAM The TJC Lady Apache soccer team celebrates their first National Championship in just two years of being a program.

Lady Apaches eliminated the defending champs 2-0.

"It was a really tough game for us, we knew how good they were coming into the game and we did not want to underestimate them," said Captain Christine Ragona.

The championship game would be played by Johnson County Community College and Tyler Junior College. The Lady Apaches made the first move with a stunning bicycle kick by Newton that found the upper corner of the Johnson County's goal. It would be TJC the rest of the game, as the Lady Apaches were able to put two more goals past Johnson County to secure their first National Title.

"I am ecstatic that we were able to win the whole tournament on our home

turf. Now TJC will get the respect that we have not gotten all year. The sophomores were determined to win the whole thing, and all the hard work and dedication paid off," Newton said.

Many of TJC's players received individual honors as well; Cassandra Branch and Beatrice Soto received outstanding honors for their play throughout the tournament. Karly Baker received best defender and Cara Newton received best forward, and TJC's Corey Rose won the best coach award.

TJC's Lady Apaches are the NJCAA Division-I Champions, completing a near perfect season only tying once early on in the season. The 2009 Lady Apaches set a standard that future squads will have to live up to.

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"There were many times we had to pull together to maintain the record against some strong opponents."

The Apaches beat No.2 ranked Georgia Perimeter 5-3 in a shootout to win the final game. TJC was ranked No.1 in five out of the 10 national polls this season and they qualified for the National Tournament for the first time since 1988.

Preparing for Nationals, however, was a season-long journey.

"Physically we were prepared with conditioning a week prior to leaving, we were fit and ready," Setchell said.

Being well conditioned and mentally prepared, TJC made getting wins in the tournament look almost easy, outscoring their opponents 8-2 throughout the first two games. The games were well handled until they met No.2 ranked Georgia Perimeter. Scoreless through the entire game including two overtimes, the teams were evenly matched. It was only in the shootout did TJC finally take the lead and finish the game off, getting the final "W" in the win column.

Having 15 freshmen joining the team this year, along with

12 sophomores, head coach Steve Clements was confident in the beginning of the season that the returning players would take leadership over the team to help the freshman transition to a more collegiate level. However, team chemistry was never an issue for the team.

"The team chemistry is so strong," Setchell said, "which is why it is no surprise to many of us that we had the season that we did. We grew as a team and family and were confident in each other's ability."

Now that the season has come to an end, the team has begun their off-season training, which includes weight training and the occasional scrimmages to keep them in shape. The team is already looking forward to next season and the new faces Coach Clements will bring in.

"We're losing a lot of players, eight of the starting 11," Setchell said. "Next year will be exciting though. Coach will bring in quality from everywhere as he usually does and as sophomores we will have the advantage because we know what it takes now to win Nationals and the hard work that you have to put in to get there."



Courtesy of Athletics Department

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS The men's soccer team celebrates an undefeated season after winning the NJCAA National Championship.

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16	2:00 PM	Women's Basketball vs San Jacinto College-North	
20	5:30 PM	Women's Basketball vs Lon Morris College	
25	6:00 PM	Women's Basketball vs Trinity Valley CC	
FEB			
3	5:30 PM	Women's Basketball vs Blinn College	

Men's Basketball

JAN			
5	4:00 PM	Men's Basketball vs Navarro College	
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20	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball vs Lon Morris College	
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Busy winter break leaves little down time for Marquis and team

BASKETBALL

By Brad Thompson
Staff Writer

As the fall 2009 semester comes to an end, the season for the men's basketball team is far from over. The team won't have the kind of winter break that any other student will have. "We've just started, we still have January, February," said Head Coach Mike Marquis. Right before the break, the team will have games against Wiley College and Stephen F. Austin. "We're going to get a break, but we still

need to make sure we practice and stay in shape so that when we have our first game after the new year we'll be ready for anything the opponents throw our way," said Marquis. "I'm going to enjoy the break and spend time with my family, but I'm also going to work harder to improve my game," said Brad Gay, sophomore guard at TJC. Before the break, the team will play in the Southern University of Shreveport Classic at Shreveport, La. "This is pretty important, we're going to get one last chance before the break to show how hard we've been working and how tough of a team we are," said Marquis. To start the tournament, the team will play against Wiley College on Dec. 11 and Stephen F. Austin on Dec. 12.

"They are both good teams, we're going to have to work harder and play harder to show that we are able to compete with any team," said player Kyle Ford. "We have a lot to look up to this year. We're off to a good start and we got to work harder to make sure we finish with a winning record," said Marquis. Marquis said the team also has a good shot at making the playoff this season. "With this being my last year here, I'm really hoping we can make it to Hutch and win the championship," La-bree Sledge, sophomore guard for TJC said.



Notre Dame needs a coach like TCU

By Gil LeBreton
McClatchy Newspapers

We know and he knows and, I suspect, they are about to know that TCU's Gary Patterson would have been an excellent fit at Notre Dame. He comes from a defensive background. His staff obviously knows how to recruit. His experience in Texas would have been a much-needed asset. But Patterson already has a job, and on ESPN's "SportsCenter" on Wednesday night and in America's newspapers on Thursday, people are being reminded of that. For TCU Chancellor Victor Boschini, trustees chairman Luther King and everyone else who made it possible, the timing couldn't be more advantageous. The great Notre Dame has an opening. Patterson, even if he hadn't yet been contacted, had already been identified as one of the possible candidates. The family will announce that Patterson wants to stay at TCU and that he has agreed to a contract extension which will keep him in Fort Worth through at least 2017. It's nothing against Notre Dame. As far as Patterson was concerned, it was never about the job. Rather, what Chancellor Boschini and new athletic director Chris Del Conte seem to understand is that if TCU is going to continue to walk down the road to prosperity, the university and the football program are going to walk hand in hand. A successful football coach is worth his

weight in donor gold. He may not have planned it this way, but here was an opportune chance for Patterson to send a vital message stating that TCU is no longer a coaching stop on the way to somewhere else. The grass isn't always greener in Tuscaloosa. Or in South Bend. Patterson's new deal was not a money grab. Prominent in the agreement are raises for his coaching staff. But a BCS coach should be paid like a BCS coach, right? As we all have been reminded this week, coaching college football is a fragile business. The rewards can be great, but even the loudest of cheers can eventually fade. Bobby Bowden has earned his permanent place in the pantheon of coaches. But even Florida State felt compelled Tuesday to nudge Bowden towards the door. Florida State had best be careful. When a school hasn't made a coaching change in 34 years, there are no handbooks sitting around to tell it how to pick a successor to a legend. The new head coach, Jimbo Fisher, may be the next Bowden. But he may turn out to be the next Tommy Bowden, not the one with 388 wins. One could argue that it took Alabama more than two decades to realize that the great Paul "Bear" Bryant had passed on. The Crimson Tide made as many coaching hires as Notre Dame.

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could be beneficial in maintaining neutrality. Cheatham said their presence in the committee at TSU prevents a "knee-jerk" reaction to eliminate funding simply because an account is "out of favor" with a few student representatives. There have also been changes made to the position that the freshman senate president holds on the committee. "We designated the student membership a little bit differently," Minter said. "I found out there was a little bit of a problem including the freshman president on the committee, because the freshman president may not be elected before the committee meets in the fall. We changed that up a little bit, and I think that will be better." Minter said the ultimate objective is to be fair, and he hopes to make the committee more transparent through the changes. "I don't think the process was unfair, but I wasn't involved in it so it's hard for me

to make a judgment there," Minter said. "I'm looking at ways to make it more visible, where everyone understands the way the decisions are being made and the guidelines for making awards." Minter said they are still looking at possible changes and improvements and are open to adjustments in the following years. "If we are doing something wrong, it's our obligation to correct that. If it doesn't succeed for any reason, it can be revised in the given year," he said. "It's not something that is in concrete that we have to live with from now on, and as we go through it, there made be a need for change in the future, but I think with the review that we've given this year, it's going to be better." Minter said they hope the new plan will be more in line with what other schools across the state are doing, and they hope the changes will result in a positive outcome.

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Some students feel that TJC, although they are in compliance, should make students more aware of these statistics and where to find them. "I was never aware that these statistics were available to TJC students," Jessica Smith, a first-year TJC paralegal student, said. "I believe that TJC should be more diligent in their efforts to disseminate this information to students and to make them aware of its availability. Students have a right to know what is happening on and around campus; it is pertinent information for

students to have." Officials said they feel they are in compliance with this act and do not plan to change the way this information is released. If students or faculty would like to view these statistics, they are available in the student handbook, which is available at www.tjc.edu under the quick links toolbar, and the Clery crime stats are on page 121. The report is on the Campus Safety Web site is at www.tjc.edu/CampusSafety and the Clery Act is on the right-hand side toolbar.

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in-house patient at Salvation Army Tyler. And that's what the Sally's all about. We have daily devotions, and that's good because it brings me back to where I need to be," said Wooley. After explaining the situation to the Salvation Army they will give emergency shelter for up to three days. After being in the emergency shelter for a few days, the student will go to the social services dept and do an intake or an assessment. This is where the Salvation Army finds out how the student got into that situation and together with a counselor the student will start to reconfigure his or her life. "We have one student from Texas College in our work program," said Steve Houston director of Residential and Social Services at the Salvation Army in Tyler. These places are not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for youth, but with youth living in cars, parks, public spaces, and abandoned buildings more shelters are becoming a way to keep students off the streets. The Salvation Army would allow the student 30 days to seek employment, after 30 days, the student has 60 days to get back on their feet. Once the student is financially stable and capable of handling their own affairs, the Salvation Army would assist in helping the student find appropriate housing within their means. "If there are students out there that are

homeless remember that in your time of need there are resources here at the Salvation Army to help you. We welcome you with open arms," said Houston. According to a report by the United States Conference of Mayors homelessness is a widespread and serious issue that affects a diverse population. "Anyone can become homeless. A lot of people are one paycheck or one illness away from homelessness," said Christina Fulsom, president of the Smith county Coalition for Homelessness and executive director for P.A.T.H. In 2006 a study done by the United States Conference of Mayors 42 percent of homeless people were African American, 39 percent were Caucasian, 13 percent were Hispanic, 4 percent were Native American, and 2 percent were Asian. And 40 percent of homeless men have served in the armed forces. "I've been on the streets a month and a half. My husband came in search of work, and we still haven't found anything because of the recession," said Jennifer Gaught 30 who is homeless. The worst thing I have seen on the streets is a man hang himself. I found his body this morning. It made me feel sad and emotionless. Makes you realize how bad depression can be. For more information, contact the Salvation Army at (903)-592-4361 or P.A.T.H. at (903) 533-8394

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New organization created with black students in mind

By Austin Witherspoon
Staff Writer

A new organization striving to "better the image" of the members it revolves around has emerged on campus, and it's size is beginning to rival that of the Apache Band and Phi Theta Kappa.

Black Student Association, founded by sophomore Zarrick Cannon and Judicial Affairs Chair Damien Williams, is growing quickly and is bringing the student population together.

"I realized that our demographic wasn't represented in its own organization, which led to BSA's (Black Student Association's) birth," Williams said.

According to William's research, there has not yet been a Black Student Association on campus, so their organization is the first of its kind at Tyler Junior College.

"It was inspiring to see how well HSO (Hispanic Student Organization) was doing with winning 'Organization of the Year,'" Williams said.

liams said.

The BSA is an umbrella organization for Anointed Vessels, the praise dance organization, and Voices of Worship, the gospel choir. All three organizations work alongside each other to provide community, fun, and family to all members involved.

The organization currently has 240 active members and is literally growing every day. However, the organization is not just open to black students: the meetings are filled with students of nearly all races and beliefs.

Cannon claimed to have first gotten the vision for the organization last year and never thought that it would grow to the size it has now.

"I didn't think we'd have nearly as much support as we do now. I've gotten so much thanks for the organization's creation and missions," Cannon said.

Cannon said that many faculty members, including Williams, Gigi Delk, Rebecca Branch, Ishmael Benjamin, and Regina Wil-



Photo by Austin Witherspoon

BSA President, Zarrick Cannon and Vice President, Damien Williams shake hands for the successful organization they have created for the black community of TJC.

liams have provided support and praise for the organization's creation.

"This organization causes a sense of community among black students. Its purpose is to better the stereotyped image of the black student," Cannon said.

BSA recently held its "Stoplight Party"

dance in the Apache Rooms. Cannon said that they filled the Apache Rooms so much that they had to stop admitting students. The event raised over \$600 toward a leadership conference they plan to attend in the spring.

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Karaoke

Free, fun activity for students under the age of 21

By Sarah Hall
Verve Editor

Once the sun goes down and the streetlights break the darkness, the nightlife of Tyler awakens and begins. For students who are not yet 21, Tyler's entertainment choices might be limited. Even though there are many restaurants, bars, movie theaters and coffee shops that are open throughout the evening, a popular source of entertainment is karaoke.

"People are just here to have a good time," said Manager of La Carreta's, Steve Knipe. "It's mostly fun for everyone."

La Carreta's is one of three restaurants that feature karaoke during the week for underage students. The other restaurants include Buffalo Wild Wings and Cancun Café. Out of the three, La Carreta's seemed to be the busiest. By 10 p.m. the beaten up parking lot was packed and customers were parking in adjacent lots. Carreta's holds karaoke from around 8 p.m. until closing on Thursday and Friday nights.

Karaoke nights around town are helpful for students and teens because the cost to get in and participate is absolutely nothing. Of course, students under the age of 21 are required to show I.D. and have their hands marked at both Carreta's and Cancun.

I.D. is checked upon entering Cancun, as well as if ordering a drink from the bar or a table.

"It's for our job security, and it's what we are supposed to do," said Brad Thedford, manager of Cancun.

Cancun Café is the most spacious of the three karaoke locations. It is also better for those who want to hold conversations without having to raise their voices. The service is fairly slow because of the crowd, but the wait staff does their best to make sure everyone is satisfied. Cancun staff also goes the extra mile to make sure all customers are able to get home after drinking. Karaoke at Cancun is from 9 p.m. until closing at 12 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

Some people find karaoke embarrassing and, therefore, don't sing too loudly. Then again there are those who think they are the greatest singers ever and belt out every note; whether they can sing or not.

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Photos by Sarah Hall

SING STARS ABOVE: Richard Jackson warms up his vocal cords to impress the crowd at Carreta's. BELOW: Carson Whiteley sings his favorite tunes to entertain the audience at Buffalo Wild Wings.

KARAOKE LOCATIONS

- La Carreta's: 8 p.m. - close Thursday and Friday nights
- Buffalo Wild Wings: 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Wednesday nights
- Cancun Cafe: 9 p.m. - 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights



Holidays and finals combine to make stress

By Jasmine Hampton
Staff Writer

A holiday workload combined with finals can mean stress for students.

Three out of every five college students are affected by school-related stress, according to The College Student Journal. Out of those students affected by school stress, for half of them, the stress is test-related.

Stress is the emotional and physical strain caused by pressure. Common stress reactions include tension, irritability, inability to concentrate and a variety of physical symptoms that include headache and a fast heartbeat.

"It's almost impossible to live without some stress," Caron Breckel, professor of Health Information said. "And most of us wouldn't want to, because it gives life some spice and excitement. But if stress gets out of control, it may harm your health, your relationships and your enjoyment of life."

So it comes as no surprise that students become overwhelmed as the semester draws to a close with a comprehensive test over information from the entire semester.

"Final's week, a week full of exams aimed at testing what we have learned over a semester's worth of knowledge, I feel an ulcer coming on," Justin Bradford, TJC sophomore said. "I can't help but stress myself out. So much information in such little time."

TJC's library becomes a safe haven for students allowing them to lose themselves in studying. A practice in which, depending on the individual, can last from 10 minutes to hours. Tutors become scarce and some books are opened for the first time all semester.

"Final's time means not an empty chair in sight. Students flock to us cause of habit," Candy Dysor Outreach Services Librarian said. "We provide a quiet environment ideal for studying, complete with a variety of textbook assistance, and tutor-run study sessions at almost every table."

Fall semester finals are accompanied by the holiday season, providing a challenge for some employed students. Students take on a heavier workload both at work due to season demand and at school in preparation for exams.

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Advisers provide guidance for those transferring

By Audrinee' Anderson
Staff Writer

It is time to start applying for colleges, and Tyler Junior College offers help to students who plan to go on to a four-year university.

"Advisors of TJC help map out long-time plans for students that are graduating and moving on," said Justin Permenter, coordinator of International Student Admissions.

As the semester is coming to an end, students are graduating and scrambling to apply for colleges with the hope of getting accepted.

"For most colleges, before March 1 is the deadline for applications and scholarships that most of the colleges offer," said Permenter.

In this case, advisors and the admissions office encourage students to apply to colleges as soon as possible and aid them in any way they can.

"The advisor and admissions offices assist in long-time career goals, assist in minors

and majors when transferring, help by telling students about deadlines, and also by helping students map out their degree plans," said Permenter.

This helps some students, who might not know what they want to major in or how to map out their plans for college in general.

While TJC does help students transfer to a four-year university, TJC doesn't target one specific school for students to transfer to, but gives several ideas to help students pick which college is best for them.

"UT-Tyler, Stephen F. Austin, UNT, and Sam Houston are some colleges that most of our students transfer to," said Janna Chancey, executive director of Enrollment Management Services.

While most of these colleges do offer scholarships to future students, TJC doesn't offer scholarships to students graduating and moving on to a four-year university.

"Only the universities can offer scholar-

ships to future students, but TJC can give recommendations for the students," said Chancey.

Even though scholarships aren't offered to students who are graduating, TJC does give students the option of walking across stage and having a graduation ceremony.

"During the graduation ceremony, students are addressed by the college president, listen to a speaker and walk across the stage," said Permenter.

This opportunity is really exciting to some, because it showcases their achievements.

Although many students are moving on to other colleges, TJC has played a role in helping them achieve their goals.

"Studies have shown that most students graduate at a higher rate if they go to a junior college first. Also, TJC offers small classes, cost is reasonable, and students are experiencing the college life," said Chancey.

This helps put many students at ease about going on to a four-year university.



Photo by Sarah Hall

ADVISING TRANSFER Sara Miller, advisor, helps Britney Way, a pre-med student interested in attending UNT in the fall.

"Going to TJC is really laid back and the workload is easy, but the teachers are strict which I believe helped push me to succeed," said Justin Bell, student.

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Tyler Museum of Art is relocating to new building

By Chantel Martin
Staff Writer

The Tyler Museum of Art is in the process of relocating to property across from the University of Texas in Tyler and Lazy Creek.

"We love the building we are in and enjoy the relationship we have with TJC," Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator Zoe Lawhorn said. "The new building will have more space."

The existing museum is 15,000 square feet and the new property is 40,000 square feet.

"Our current building was intended to house a small permanent collection and that was about 30 years ago," Lawhorn said. "We didn't know how much we would grow."

Lawhorn said storage for the artwork is the primary issue.

"We have no room to store our collections," she said. "We have three exhibition spaces upstairs but one is currently being used as an office and for storage."

Museum Curator Ken Tomio said the staff needs more space.

"I organize exhibitions and make selections as to what will be on display," Tomio said. "We could definitely use more space, that way we could keep our permanent art on display."

Tomio said the museum's permanent art is work that was donated to the museum.

"We have two kinds of displays, temporary and permanent," Tomio said. "Temporary art is traveling art that comes from somewhere else and is kept out for about two and a half months. Permanent art is art that we try to conserve for many, many years. We don't turn around and sell it. So it would be nice to have the extra room for the permanent art."

Museum Registrar Katie Powell keeps track of all the pieces and artwork that belong to the museum.

"With pieces that come from far away, I handle their loan forms and insurance forms," she said. "I also help with the interchanging of pieces for an exhibit, that way they are not overused. Some years I move 200 to 3,000 pieces. This will be an interesting move."

Lawhorn said there is a lot of work to be done before the museum is able to relocate. As a result, she said there is no actual date of the move.

"We just finished the first stage of design and development," she said. "The architects had to go through an entire process that involved construction documents and plugs and electrical placements. They finished a skeleton design but we are not ready to

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Photo by Sarah Hall

ART FOR EVERYONE The Tyler Museum of Art focuses on interaction for all ages. The new building will provide more space for activities and displays.

Nutcracker to begin holidays



Photo by Christine Strong

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT A group of dancers practices their routines during rehearsal for this year's performance of 'The Nutcracker.'

TJC celebrating 21 years of production

By Christine Strong
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College is celebrating the 21st production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker."

"It is a very good experience for all the children," said Jennifer Bailey, director of the TJC Academy of Dance and director of "The Nutcracker" for the past seven years.

Open auditions were held the first weekend in September for students ages 6 and up. Dance experience is preferred, but they are willing to work with anyone who has the enthusiasm. With a cast of 125, dancers often travel from as far away as Canton and Longview just to participate.

"We have a very good volunteer and parent base. We are very lucky," Bailey said.

For the second year in a row, two guest artists, the husband and wife duo of Shannon and Christa Beacham, will be dancing the roles of Cavalier and The Sugar Plum Fairy. The Beachams have danced for the Texas Ballet Theatre and currently teach at studios in Fort Worth.

"I really enjoy coming. It's something different to do, and I am very excited," Christa Beacham said.

Every year the program continues to grow, said Bailey. The famous story of toys becoming larger than life will be sure to capture the imagination.

"Seeing the dancers up on stage after all the hard work that they have put in over the past three months and the audiences reaction is the best part," said Bailey. "Especially the younger children, they are so fascinated with all the special effects, dancing and hearing the music."

Costumes play a big role in the performance, with period dresses from the 1890's for the party scene, all the way to platform and romantic tutus. There are also character costumes, such as soldiers and mice.

Dance students also perform "school shows" for approximately 1,400 students in grades K-12 and home-schooled children.

This gives a lot of them exposure to the arts that they might not otherwise experience, said Ashlee Persing, ballet master.

Performances are scheduled for Friday-Sunday, Dec. 4-6, in TJC's Wise Auditorium.

Full-length performances will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. A special, story-telling version for young children, narrated by Tisa Hibbs, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

Tickets are on sale in the TJC cashier's office located in the White Administrative Services building. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$9 for TJC students (with valid ID), senior citizens and children under age 12.

For more information, call the cashier's office at 903-510-2672 or visit www.tjc.edu/academyofdance



Photos by Christine Strong

HARD AT WORK Dancers of all ages participate each year in 'The Nutcracker.' Performances are Dec. 4 - 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

Apache Belles continue hard work when season ends

By Deja Rollins
Staff Writer

Although football season has ended, the Tyler Junior College Apache Belles don't stop dancing.

"Most dance teams stop practicing and performing when the season is over, but we keep at it," freshman Belle Camille Howells said. "We have Rose Festival, Rose Coronation, Spring Show and several community events to perform at post football season."

The Apache Belles are set to perform in the Tyler Jaycees Christmas Parade and the January TIDEA Convention in Houston.

Being a Belle may look like all fun and games, but there are many requirements a potential Belle must follow. All must be single with no children and are required to have dance experience.

"I remember hearing all of the requirements and saying to myself wow, dancing will be my life for the next two years," Howells said.

With a 7-10 a.m. practice daily, squad practice from 2-5 p.m. daily and a two-hour dance

class every Tuesday, the Belles are always moving - literally.

"You have to know what you're getting into for sure," sophomore Belle Brittany Case said. "You have to really love dancing, team work and working hard every day toward perfection."

Belles also must be physically fit, have a "bubbly personality and love to perform," Artist Director Christy Evans said.

The Belles have been entertaining audiences from the stage to the football field since 1947. The squad is comprised of 60 to 65 high school graduates between ages 17 and 22 and is mainly known for its high kicking half-time performances.

The Apache Belles have been featured in publications such as Dance and Drill magazine, Venture Magazine, Texas Outlook, Southern Living and many more. The Belles have also met and entertained former President George and Barbara Bush, Bill and Hillary Clinton and Ronald Reagan.

"It's rewarding being a Belle, you must

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LOOKING
PRETTY

TJC Apache Belles Melody Woodard, Simone Cooper, Bethany Hood and Caitlyn Lloyd recently pose outside of Potter Hall. The Belles are already working hard toward a great spring semester. Auditions for next fall will be April 17-18 and June 12-13 of 2010.

Photo by Coryn Crain

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release that to the public until we make more progress.” Lawhorn said a percentage of money has to be raised in order to show blueprints of the future museum. The amount was not available at press time.

“We receive money from donors, different people outside of East Texas and contributing members,” she said.

Lawhorn said people underestimate the fact that they can support the museum just by attending.

“We have tons of events,” she said. “We have guest speakers and every Monday is senior’s day for people over 65. We have school tours for TISD and family days.”

Along with the development of the new building, Lawhorn said the museum will have to grow in every area.

“We will need more staff, more programming and a larger café and gift shop,” she said. “Right now, one to two people can run the café, but with a bigger building we will have more jobs.”

Lawhorn said she does not know what will happen to the current museum once the construction is finished.

“This building has won awards for its design and architecture and it’s very usable,” she said. “If possible, we would like to keep this building open and running.”



Photo by Chantel Martin

MOVING THE ART The Tyler Museum of Art is being relocated to property near The University of Texas at Tyler.

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have discipline but the perks are awesome,” Evans said.

With 65 young ladies working together toward the same goal, sometimes there is conflict among the Belles. However, they all live on the same floor of Ornelas residential complex so those issues are worked out almost immediately.

“We have a very strict but open-door policy when dealing with the girls. When there’s as many as we have, there has to be some sort of organization and discipline,” Evans said.

For next year’s squad, there are two audition sessions scheduled. The first audition begins April 17-18 of 2010 and the second session will be on June 12-13.

REVIEWS

By Griffin Blackburn
Managing Editor



This band of four guys from Hallsville, Tx has only been playing together for two years, but has a sound of a much more seasoned band. Their current album “Rocketry” has blues flavor with a dash of rock and shrill vocals. They have a toolbox full of songs. During one set, they can pull out the jackhammer and lay the listener out with intense vocals and heavy guitar riffs, or use a soft rag to open the tight jar of your understanding of what a rock band should sound like. Lead guitarist Brenden Arney can play a

blues solo that would make John Mayer jealous, while lead singer Jered Ochoa releases vocals that if the listeners eyes were closed, would think Eddie Vedder had replaced him. Their age and lack of experience on stage showed at their Nov. 28th Clicks show, when they opened their set by mistakenly acknowledging the Tyler crowd as a Longview crowd. Whether it was an icebreaker or true mistake, it will only distract the crowd from the bands goal of displaying their music. The crowd was slow to get into 3weeksplay, but after opening with a heavy song and lulling the crowd into their more comfortable, chill, late Kings of Leon style, the hesitant audience began to vibe. 3weeksplay attracts curiosity and allows the audience to focus on the music, instead of the performance itself. The band is not jumping around, their plain colored t-shirts and jeans attribute to their chill vibe. Ochoa clutches the microphone as if it’s a passionate lover that will retreat if he takes even one hand away from it. The next time 3weeksplay puts on a show, be sure to bring a date. They are soft enough to make your girlfriend comfortable, yet harsh enough to keep you both excited.



Straight out of Vegas and into your face is Adelitas Way. This racy group has toured with Sick Puppies, Halestorm and Breaking Benjamin, and their song “Invincible” is featured during WWE events. Adelitas Way can penetrate any ear, from the country music listener that needs a break from the honky tonk, to the metal enthusiast, their sexual, dark and dirty Vegas flavor comes out through their stage performance and music. The band entered the Nov 28th Clicks show fast and hard like a bullet from a .45 caliber

pistol. The lead singer Rick DeJesus played the crowd like he was in the corner of a bar convincing a drunk girl to go home with him. The band’s sound is very radio friendly similar to Nickelback or Evanescence, if they had a male lead singer.

Their experience shows in their performance, but they are almost too well rehearsed, like they are just going through the motions of another show, besides the fact that their stage presence is how an 80s hair cover band looks. DeJesus seems as if he is portraying a rock star character, their lead guitarist and vocalist Keith Wallen has potentially to make a good front man with a swagger that’s a mix of Rivers Cuomo of Weezer and Andrew Volpe from Ludo.

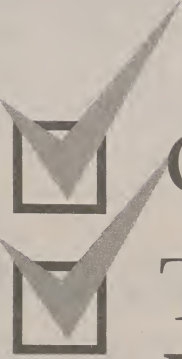
The bands drummer, Tre, performed a drum solo that set the crowd off and highlighted the performance. The band’s onstage interaction with each other was refreshing to see, when DeJesus introduced the entire band, it transformed the band from a front man with background music to a single entity of rock. Adelitas Way is a very marketable band, they work a bar crowd well, are aesthetically pleasing, and their music is daring enough for the not rock savy, but may need more for a rock aficionado.



Down from Chicago comes Janus. Janus is increasingly gaining popularity with evil guitar, thundering drums, piercing vocals, and a mix of electronic, bells, and 20’s style voice-overs. Their latest album “Red Right Return” features “Eyesore”, which has a video that has been featured on MTV2’s Headbangers Ball. Janus has been caught touring with bands 5 Finger Death Punch, Skindred, Dope and Sevendust. The Nov. 28th Clicks audience’s attention is captured with an emergency siren signaling a bomb being dropped,

accompanied by faded laser red lighting. Listeners feel as if they are thrown into a post apocalyptic urban warzone. The band enters with high energy, aggressive music, and wardrobe that turns the audience from spectators into recruits of an extremist movement to overthrow a corrupt government. They carry the aggressiveness of their music through two songs to slap the audience and keep them pinned to the ground, with no time to catch their breath. Each member of Janus performs as if they would dive into the crowd, at any moment, and blanket everyone in attendance. Janus opens in your face and stays there for half the show, until they recoil back for two songs, then the tension explodes with “Eyesore”. They exit the stage leaving the crowd amped and feeling like the plug was pulled halfway through the show and they do not get a refund, all they want is more Janus. Lead singer David Scottney’s voice can resemble that of Cedric Bixler-Zavala from the Mars Volta and then a rusty ax chopping down eardrums, blow after blow. Janus doesn’t put on a rock show; they are recruiting a movement. Expect Janus ticket prices to skyrocket from popularity and go see them while it doesn’t take a Visa black card.

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